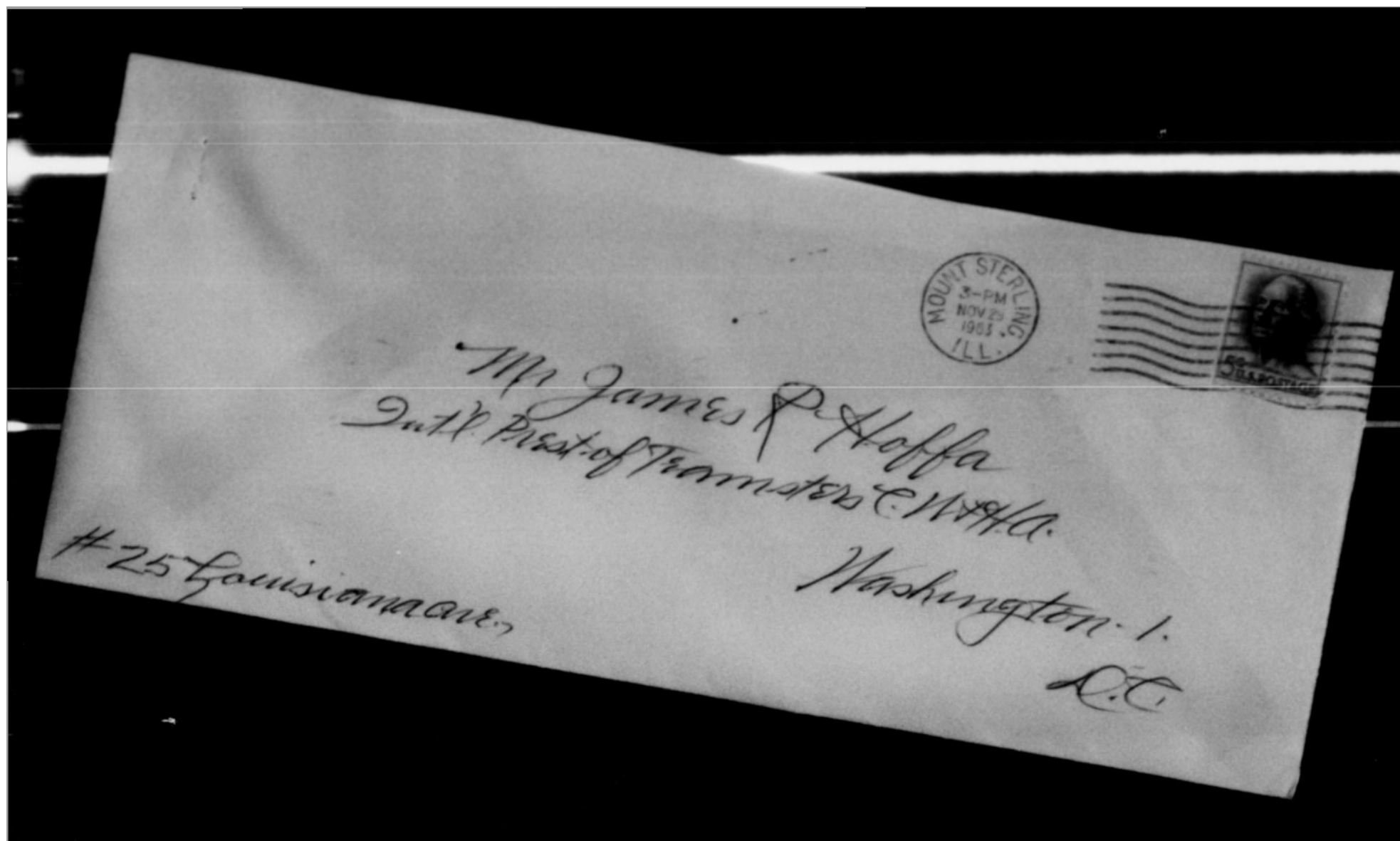


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# TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS

LOCAL UNION NO. 144

Affiliated with

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(Registered Emblem)

J. W. COAKLEY, PRESIDENT

November 11, 1963

Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 1, D. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE  
Deb's Eugene V. Foundation  
Bush, Ned A.  
Contributions

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am enclosing a Financial Statement of the Eugene V. Deb's Foundation and a copy of the report given by Executive Vice-President Ned A. Bush, Sr., at a dinner meeting held Saturday, November 9, 1963.

Also find enclosed a copy of the news article which appeared in the Terre Haute Sunday Tribune, November 10th, 1963.

The Officers and Directors were very grateful and pleased with the generous donation given to the Foundation by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

All of us in Terre Haute are looking forward to the time when you can personally attend a meeting in Terre Haute and present the other half of the donation. We would like to arrange for this to be a big meeting and selfishly see that all Teamster members of Local No. 144 can be invited in order that they may have the opportunity of hearing you speak.

There is no question in any of our minds that whatever address you may give will be very helpful in assisting us in selling D.R.I.V.E. Memberships.

Fraternally yours,

*J. W. Coakley*  
J. W. Coakley  
President, Local No. 144

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## Teamsters' Gift for Debs Home

Announcement of a gift of \$5,000 to the Eugene V. Debs Foundation by the International Teamsters union was highlight of the second annual meeting of members and directors of the Foundation at the Terre Haute House Saturday night.

Presentation of a \$2,500 check as the initial payment on the pledge was made by J. W. Coakley, international auditor and also president of the Terre Haute local of the Teamsters. In presenting the check, Mr. Coakley read a letter from James M. Hoffa, general president of the Teamsters union which said:

Dear Brother Coakley:  
Enclosed I am sending a check in the amount of \$2,500 made payable to the Eugene V. Debs Foundation.

The tremendous contribution made by Eugene V. Debs to our movement will merit the work that this foundation is performing. We are happy to be able to participate.

Fraternally yours,  
**JAMES M. HOFFA**  
The 2/50 remainder of the pledge will be sent in 1964.

In accepting the check, Ned A. Bush Sr., executive vice president of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation. The money is the first installment of a pledge of \$5,000 made by General President James M. Hoffa of the International Teamsters Union for restoration of the Debs Home. Watching is Margaret Debs Cooper, niece and only living blood relative of Eugene V. Debs.



**GIFT FOR DEBS HOME**—J. W. Coakley, president of Teamsters Local 144, Terre Haute (right), presents \$2,500 check to Ned A. Bush Sr., executive vice president of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation. The money is the first installment of a pledge of \$5,000 made by General President James M. Hoffa of the International Teamsters Union for restoration of the Debs Home. Watching is Margaret Debs Cooper, niece and only living blood relative of Eugene V. Debs. Photo by Martin.

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## Teamsters' Gift Received For Debs Home

Continued From Page One.

A. Bush Sr., executive vice president of the Debs Foundation said in part:

"It is important that the memory and ideals of Eugene V. Debs be preserved through the home which he built and lived most of his adult life. Debs was one of our greatest Americans and his impact on the way of American life was great. The labor movement as we know it today would not be in existence if there had not been a Debs."

"Since the Teamsters Union is the largest union in the country today it is altogether fitting and proper that the Teamsters join in the work of preserving the ideals and memory of Eugene V. Debs. We are deeply grateful to James M. Hoffa, general president of the union, and the Teamsters for their most generous contribution."

Officers of the foundation reported on the progress of the work at the Debs home. To date, the living room, the library and the entrance hall have been restored downstairs. The James Whitcomb Riley room and the bedroom of Mr. Debs have been restored on the second floor. Two more rooms upstairs and two more remain to be restored in addition to work in the basement and landscaping the yard of the home.

tors and an addition to the number of vice president. The officers are: Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer of Amalgamated Meat Cutters, AFL-CIO; Ned A. Bush Sr., Terre Haute, executive vice president; Dr. Robert Constant, Indiana State College, secretary; and William Hillis, assistant secretary Terre Haute Savings bank, treasurer.

President Gorman was unable to be present because of speaking engagements in Miami and New York City on successive days. In his absence, the executive vice president presided.

Added to the vice presidents were Benjamin Gebner, secretary-general of Workmen's Clubs of America and Arthur Gilden, secretary-treasurer of the United States Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers.

New directors elected were: Mitchell Loch, New York City; Eugene Pitts, chairman Debs Committee, Local 662, UAW, Anderson, Ind.; Dr. Bernard Brommell, Indiana State College; Clarence Lyons, secretary, Marion County AFL-CIO Labor Council, Indianapolis; and James O'Connell, representing the student body, Indiana State College.

**Hold Open House.**  
Earlier in the day there had been an open house at the Debs home and many out-of-town delegates also went to Highland Lawn cemetery to visit the grave of Debs.

Endorsement of the work of the present officers and executive committee was voted by the directors with a mandate to continue the work of restoration. It was urged that the

Adolph Gormer of Richmond, Ill., and Mary Donovan Hapgood of Indianapolis. Mr. Gormer and Mrs. Hapgood were personal friends of the Debs and were prominent in the work of the socialist party in his lifetime.

The next general meeting of the board of directors of the Foundation is scheduled for next May.

Report by Executive Vice President Eugene V. Leba Foundation to  
Board of Directors December 9, 1963

Since our first annual meeting on October 23, 1963, the Foundation through its executive committee has accomplished much toward the restoration of the Eugene V. Leba home. The Foundation has also evolved a long range policy for its growth and of being an educational instrument in aiding the study of labor history and actively participating in the study of problems that affect labor and management and the entire country at large.

#### RESTORATION OF THE HOME

##### Outside:

- Trim and gables painted.
- Chimney rebuilt and tuckpointed and made safe for several years to come.
- Foundation tuckpointed and brick-work on porch tuckpointed and relaid where necessary.
- Aluminum storm windows and screens installed on all windows. (This will reduce heating costs.)
- New guttering.

Outside work remaining to be done

- Painting of foundation.
- Landscaping and regrading of yard.

##### Inside:

- Living room restored.
- Library restored.
- Entrance hallway and stairway restored.
- James Whitcomb Riley room upstairs restored through generous gift of \$1,000 by Daniel S. Law, Anderson, Indiana.
- Eugene V. Leba room upstairs in rear upstairs restored through generous gift of \$500 by Madison County AFL-CIO Labor Council, Anderson, Indiana.
- Carpeting of living room and library through the generosity of Mrs. Mary McPherson, a long-time admirer and personal friend of Eugene V. Leba.
- Conversion of heating plant from oil to gas. (This will greatly reduce heating costs.)
- Insulation put in ceiling space over entire house in attic. This will greatly reduce heating costs.

Inside work remaining to be done

- Rehabilitation and remodeling of basement into small auditorium. This can be rented to small unions for training night as a common fee to pay for cost of lights and heat. Also to discussion groups and also for the board meetings of the Foundation and executive committee.

Report -2-

Restoration of Debs dining room and kitchen (now an apartment) on first floor.  
Restoration of Mrs. Debs bedroom and Mr. Debs second floor study on second floor (now an apartment)  
Conversion of attic into five room studio apartment, plans for which have already been drawn and donated to Debs Foundation by Mr. Ewing Millor, architect. This will be used by curator or executive officer of the Foundation at some time in the future whenever Foundation funds permit.

FURNITURE

We have only been able to get a wardrobe and study chair which have been authenticated as having been owned by Mr. and Mrs. Debs. We have several other interesting exhibits to be placed on display soon. In addition Marguerite Debs Cooper has given us chairs that were in the office of her uncle and father; the desk that Eugene Debs used in Moundville, Virginia Federal prison, a number of pictures. She has other articles of furniture that were used by her uncle and father and some furniture that was used by Mr. Debs parents and sister which she will give to the foundation. We ask all board members to be on the watch for authentic articles that would be appropriate for display in the Debs home.

Tax Exempt Status

Our application for tax exemption is still being processed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. We will apply for local tax exemption during the coming January - February filing period.

Endowment plan:

The May meeting of the board of directors directed the executive committee to set up a \$250,000 endowment fund, the income of which would be to maintain the Foundation's educational plans. This work would be done in close cooperation with Indiana State College and other educational institutions. Also the Foundation would work closely with the large labor unions in the holding of panels on current labor problems and problems affecting the general welfare of the country.

Educational work:

With authorization by this meeting, the executive committee will make plans for the opening of this home as far as practical to the general public at certain hours during the week. It will also cooperate with schools who may want their pupils to take a tour of the home.

The Social Science department of Indiana State College has appointed a committee to work with the Foundation's committee in planning a conference for next Spring, probably at the time of our directors' meeting. This conference will be a joint program of the Debs Foundation and the I.S.C. Social Science department and will require an appropriation by this meeting to help defray the expenses of the conference.



Report -3-

This board needs to approve the election of an Indiana State College Student to the board of directors and executive committee so that he may persuade students to assist in the educational efforts of the Foundation.

**Financial outlook:**

The executive committee needs to be directed to set up a trust fund and a nation-wide drive for funds for the establishment of the proposed endowment.

Contributions of small amounts ranging from \$1 to \$100 come in sporadically. We have pledges of two international unions for a total of \$7,500 to be made in 1964. Public announcement of these gifts will be made when the money is received.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of  
the executive committee by Ned A. Bush, Sr.,  
executive vice-president.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Merchants National Bank of T.H.

Cash on Hand as of May 20, 1963	225.11
<u>Receipts</u>	
Rent	271.00
Contribution from Ruth LeFreds	<u>100.00</u>
Total	371.00
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Standard Oil Co.	15.80
Standard Oil Co.	43.07
Terre Haute Gas Corporation	32.70
Public Service Co. of Indiana	82.44
Sewage Disposal Works	20.05
Terre Haute Water Works	10.38
James Blunt Plumbing	6.55
Dalvine & Darden	4.90
Wadsworth Furnace Company	6.95
James Brynn	10.70
Marguerite Daba Cooper	2.20
S.S. Elliott	17.90
Pattino Bros.	<u>5.54</u>
Total disbursements	259.18
Cash on hand as of November 6, 1963	336.93

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
American Savings & Loan Association  
Whittier, California

Cash on hand as of May 20, 1963	.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Transfer of savings account at Terre Haute Savings Bank	5000.00
Interest	<u>28.73</u>
Total	5028.73
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Transferred to Terre Haute First National Bank	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	1000.00
Cash on hand as of November 6, 1963	4028.73

TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS

Terre Haute First National Bank - Checking Account	649.26
Terre Haute Savings Bank - Checking Account	895.00
Merchants National Bank of Terre Haute - Checking Account	336.93
American Savings & Loan Assn. of Whittier, Calif. - Savings Account	<u>4028.73</u>
Total	5909.92

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Terre Haute First National Bank

Cash on Hand as of May 20, 1963	1404.22
Total Receipts	
Contributions	1809.43
Interest	62.00
Transferred from American Savings & Loan Assn.	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	2871.43

<u>Disbursements</u>	
S.S. Elliott	18.35
Cahill's Rental Service	10.00
Terre Haute House	16.00
Kline Electric	166.10
Main Department Store - drapes	88.22
Heminghouse Signs - Sign in front of house	75.00
J. Robert Constantine	25.00
Mitchell Loeb - Expenses	253.40
Postmaster	12.00
Martin Photo Shop	12.50
Reiman & Company - Insulation of house	245.00
Robert Bruce, Photographer	27.00
Tribune-Star Publ. Co.	3.96
H. Leverett Lanhart - Purchase of display cases	85.00
Moore-Langen Print. & Publ. Co.	27.20
Art Anderson, Moving	17.75
Robert Bruce, Photographer	10.00
Klepts Alms. Building - Storm window	523.00
Hosier Heating - Gas furnace	325.00
Tribune-Star Publ. Co.	5.94
Kline Electric	24.30
Willie's Lawn - Restoration	816.55
S.S. Elliott	5.00
Howard Hamilton	7.50
Treasurer Vigo County - Real Estate taxes	172.57
Midwest Floor Coverings - Carpets	626.10
McMillan Sports	15.40
Labels	<u>12.55</u>

Total disbursements	\$3626.39
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Cash on Hand as of November 6, 1963	\$649.26
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Terre Haute Savings Bank

Cash on Hand as of May 20, 1963	.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Marion County, AFL-CIO	500.00
U.A.W., Anderson, Indiana	1000.00
Total	<u>1500.00</u>

<u>Disbursements</u>	
Don J. Watson - Repair flues, foundation and porch	<u>605.00</u>
Total disbursements	605.00

Cash on hand as of November 6, 1963	895.00
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November 6, 1963

EUGENE V. DESS FOUNDATION  
Contributions from 5-20-62 to 11-6-63

Glarde Ballard	10.00	Muriel Fox Aronson	5.00
Margaret Stansvage	5.00	Furriers Joint Council of New York	100.00
Workmen Circles	870.50	Nathan Goldman	1.00
Adrian A. Paradis	5.00	P. Rose	1.00
John K. Lamb	5.00	Undergarment Workers #62, New York	50.00
Office & Distribution Employees		Ruth LeFrade	100.00
Union, Local 99, New York	25.00	Henry Wellman	2.00
M.S. Seagarmen	2.00	B.R.T. Convention	39.00
Fred Woodard	5.00	Mary Donovan Hapgood	538.43
Mrs. Cooper	3.00	Brotherhood of Firemen & Enginemen	25.00
Ermina Fenoglio	5.00	Madison County AFL-CIO	500.00
R.W. & D.S.U. # 512, Indpls.	25.00	U.A.W. , Anderson, Indiana	1000.00
Ind. Joint Board, R.W. & D.S.U.		Total	3409.43
North Liberty, Indiana	25.00		

BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

I. Business & Professional	740.00
II. Labor Unions & Officials	20501.50
III. Indiana State College Faculty	1085.00
IV. Students	145.00
V. Individuals	3650.18
Total	<u>\$26121.68</u>



## EUGENE V. DEBS FOUNDATION

P. O. BOX 843  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

October 11, 1963

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*x Bush, Ned A.*  
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Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers of America  
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is the letter you requested confirming our meeting and conversation at Murat Temple in Indianapolis, Sunday evening, October 6, 1963.

First, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation, I want to thank you for your pledge of \$2,500 for this year (1963) and for your pledge of \$2,500 for 1964.

The Foundation feels that the pledges were generous, and it came at a time when we need money to complete work now under way.

As you recall, you promised Brother Bill Coakley that you would come to Terre Haute to make the presentation. I realize that there are many demands on your time; therefore, we will arrange the meeting to suit your convenience. The Foundation's annual meeting is on Saturday, November 9, 1963. If this is not convenient time for you, any arrangements that you make will most certainly meet with our approval.

I am enclosing a photo taken by an Associated Press photographer at Indianapolis which we can use in connection with the official public announcement. If you prefer not to use the picture, this would be satisfactory with me.

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I would suggest we make a prior announcement for release either here or at Washington. Then when you come to Terre Haute, either this fall or at some later time convenient to you, it would of course be news again, particularly should you have time to visit the Debs home.

I am also enclosing a suggested news release. If you find this unacceptable, then please send along one that you approve.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

*Ned A. Bush, Sr.*

Ned A. Bush, Sr.  
Executive Vice-President

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA ----- Announcement of a contribution of \$5,000 to the Eugene V. Debs Foundation by James R. Hoffa, General President, International Teamsters Union, was made today by Ned A. Bush, Sr., Executive Vice-President of the Foundation.

Mr. Hoffa, on behalf of the Teamsters, pledged an immediate gift of \$2,500 and a second contribution of \$2,500 to be made in 1964.

The money will be used by the Foundation in the restoration of the home of Eugene V. Debs, the father of Industrial Unionism in the United States. The Debs home is located in Terre Haute, directly across the street from the campus of Indiana State College.

#### COMMENTS FROM MR. HOFFA

"This contribution by the Teamsters of \$5,000 is as large as we have received from any organization. Only the Railway Labor Executives Association has given \$5,000. All other gifts from other International Unions being at the \$1,000 to \$1,200 level," said Mr. Bush. "We are deeply grateful for this sizeable gift as it comes at a time when it will enable us to complete work on several of the rooms still untouched.

"It is important that the memory and ideals of Eugene V. Debs be preserved through the home which he built and lived in most of his adult life. It is regrettable that work on the Debs memorial was not started until 36 year after his death.

"Eugene V. Debs was one of our greatest Americans, and his impact on the way of American life was great. The labor movement as we know it today would



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not be in existence if there had not been a Debs. He was the first to organize Industrial Union in this country----the American Railway Union, which cut across craft lines within the industry and put all railroaders into one big Union. It was strong and so successful that he was arrested and put in jail by the Federal Government, and his Union disbanded but his pioneering efforts paid off. Due to this fact, we have many large and powerful Industrial Unions today," Bush continued.

"Since the Teamsters Union is the largest Union in the country today, it is altogether fitting and proper that the Teamsters join in the work of preserving the ideals and memory of Eugene V. Debs. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Hoffa and the Teamsters for their most generous contribution."

The Eugene V. Debs Foundation was founded in Terre Haute in February of 1962 by a small group of Terre Haute labor leaders, professors at Indiana State College and Tilford E. Dudley, Director Speaker's Bureau, AFL-CIO. Among the early organizers was William Coakley, President of the Teamsters Local Union No. 144, Terre Haute. Ned A. Bush, Sr. President of the Terre Haute Newspaper Guild, also was active in the early organization work and was named Executive Vice-President.

Through generous contributions of the Railway Unions, the United Auto Workers and other large AFL-CIO Internationals and hundreds of individual admirers of Debs in Terre Haute and throughout the nation, the foundation was able to purchase the Debs home. Since then, work of restoring it has progressed until the directors are hopeful that it will be ready to open to the general public by next spring. The gift of the Teamsters will greatly assist in the project.

The long time goal of the Foundation is to establish a sizeable endowment fund, the income of which will be used in holding seminars and panel discussion in



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connection with Indiana State College on current problems facing labor, management and the citizenry generally. There are not any paid officers of the Foundation, all work being done voluntarily.

Office of the General President

To: Mr. English

From: James R. Hoffa

Re: Contribution to Eugene V. Debs Foundation

This will authorize issuance of check in the amount of \$2500 to the Eugene V. Debs Foundation. Please forward check to William Conkley as per the attached letter.

JRH/yk  
Attachment

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Debs, Eugene V. Foundation

X Contributions

X Conkley, William 10/2/63

DATE

James R. Hoffa  
General President

October 8, 1963

Mr. William Conkley, President  
Teamsters Local Union No. 144  
125 S. 8th Street  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Brother Conkley:

Enclosed I am sending a check in the amount of  
\$2500 made payable to the Eugene V. Debs Foundation.

The tremendous contribution made by Eugene V.  
Debs to our movement well merits the work that this Found-  
ation is performing. We are happy to be able to participate.

Fraternaly yours,

James R. Hoffa  
General President

JRH/yh  
Enc.

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President  
International Teamsters,  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Hoffa:

This is to confirm that I will be in Indianapolis, Sunday, Oct. 6 to attend the dinner at which you will speak. This is in answer to your invitation extended through my son, Ned A. Bush, Jr. at Chicago recently.

Ned told me that you expressed interest in the Eugene V. Debs Foundation and that you could talk to me at Indianapolis.

I am enclosing some newspaper clippings which can give you some further information, particularly in reference to the proposed endowment fund and the general purposes of the Foundation.

The executive committee of the Foundation feels that since Debs' principal field of endeavor was in establishing the principle of industrial unionism, that all segments of labor would be interested in perpetuating his memory and his principles.

Since the Teamster's union is an outstanding example of industrial unionism and represents a large percentage of the labor movement in the United States, it certainly would be fitting that through you and its officers, that the Teamsters take some part in the work of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation.

Mr. William Coakley, president of Terre Haute Local No. 144, is one of our directors and has assisted us with his personal contribution of money as well as assisting us in the initial organization.

Trusting that you will be able to see me, Sunday Oct. 6 at Indianapolis, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours  
*Ned A. Bush, Sr.*  
Ned A. Bush, Sr.  
Executive Vice-President



From the Desk of:  
FLORIAN BARTOSIK

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

*Debs, Eugene W. H. H.*

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Vice President Gibbons

On the 5th line,  
substitute "rabbi" or  
"ministers" for "priests." !

*Bar*

Debs' favorite cartoon



## Eugene Victor Debs

1855-1926

Ten thousand times has the labor movement stumbled and fallen and bruised itself, and risen again; been seized by the throat and choked into insensibility; enjoined by courts, assaulted by thugs, charged by the militia, shot down by regulars, traduced by the press, frowned upon by public opinion, deceived by politicians, threatened by priests, repudiated by renegades, preyed upon by grafters, infested by spies, deserted by cowards, betrayed by traitors, bled by leeches, and sold out by leaders, but, notwithstanding all this, and all these, it is today the most vital and potential power this planet has ever known, and its historic mission of emancipating the workers of the world from the thralldom of the ages is as certain of ultimate realization as the setting of the sun.

Debs' release from County Jail, Woodstock, Illinois in 1895.

